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Required Contents of the Horticultural Growing Media Label

- A. Full Product name as registered
- B. Volume or weight as registered
- C. All Physical Components listed in decreasing order by volume % and “defined” as follows:
 - 1. Organic substances (i.e. bark, peat, wood, manure, leaf mold, sawdust, etc.):
 - a. Bark: “soft” or “hardwood”
 - b. Peat: “sphagnum”, “hypnum”, “reed-sedge”, “humus”, or “other”peat
 - c. All organic substances: “raw”, “aged”, “processed”, or “composted”
 - 2. Inorganic substances: sand, gravel, perlite, vermiculite, etc...
- D. Intended Use(s) statements
- E. General Fertilizer recommendations: minimum recommendation would indicate at what time after planting the product required the additional of fertilizer, or whether the product required the addition of fertilizer
- F. Full Address for further information
- G. Telephone number or hotline for further information
- H. Products intended for Commercial growers: date of manufacture or manufacture’s code

Sample Label with Minimum Information:

- A. Product Name: “Potting Soil”
- B. Volume or Weight: Cubic Feet / Quarts/ Yards/ Ounces/ or Pounds
- C. Physical Components as “defined” and listed in decreasing volume:
 - Canadian “Sphagnum” Peat Moss (50-60%)
 - “Aged Softwood” Bark or “Aged Pine” Bark
 - “Composted” Manure
 - “Raw” Leaf Mold
 - Vermiculite
 - Perlite
 - Other (Less than 3% of total volume does not have to be listed)
- D. Intended Uses: vegetable transplants, flowering potted plants, seed germination, bedding plants
- E. Fertilizer Recommendations: With this product begin fertilization with a complete balanced fertilizer within **one week** of seed germination, root initiation, or transplanting. Specific fertilizer and rates should be applied in accordance with current horticultural literature. A routine soil testing program is highly recommended prior to initiating any fertilizer program, etc...
- F. Company/Business Name
 - Street Address or Post Office Box
 - City, State, Zip Code
- G. Phone Number: For further assistance, please call toll free at 1-800-000-0000
- H. Date of Manufacture: 0000-X0-5122 (Lot number–Product Code–Julian Date:122nd day of 2005)